Three constables injured in attack on prison van in Bannu

By Our Correspondent

BANNU: At least three police constables were injured as a police vehicle transporting prisoners to Hangu came under attack by terrorists here on Thursday.

Sources in Bannu police told Dawn that the vehicle, which belonged to Hangu police and was carrying prisoners for court hearings, came under fire on Domel link road. At the time of the attack, five police personnel were onboard the vehicle.

A source in Bannu's central jail confirmed the incident, saying that the prisoners were being transported for court hearings as per routine. The vehicle was attacked on the way to the court, the source said.

According to sources, the injured police personnel were identified as Iqrar Saeed, Zahidullah and Ubaidullah. Following the attack, the vehicle's driver changed the route and safely reached Karak.

The Karak police said the three injured constables were being provided medical treatment at the district headquarters hospital.

An investigation into the attack is under way and security in the area has been beefed up, according to police sources.

Meanwhile, a man and his son, who were kidnapped by militants, were released after three days following successful negotiations. Ihya Jan and his son Laiq have safely returned to their home, family sources confirmed.

The militants had abducted them after forcing them out of their car near the Khargi Hotel area, which caused widespread concern in the locality.

Due to the efforts of local elders, negotiations proved successful, resulting in the safe release of the two men.

Earlier, three persons were killed and five sustained injuries on Wednesday in an armed clash between two closely related groups over a property dispute in Fazal Shah Mitakhel area here.

According to the police, the two sides exchanged fire over a property dispute and as a result Ajab Khan and Roshan Khan were killed on the spot while Naimatullah advocate, Haroon, sons of Abdul Rahim, Babar son of Ajab Khan and Yaseen son of Shah Naraz sustained injuries.

From the second group, Hassan son of Muhammad Ayub Khan lost his life during the firing while a passerby, Murad Khan son of Amir Abdullah, was injured and shifted to a hospital.

Accident in Tirah Valley claims three lives, injures two

PESHAWAR: At least three people were killed and two others injured in a road accident in Maidan Narai Baba area of Tirah Valley, tehsil Bara, Khyber district on Thursday.

According to the police, a Mazda loader met an accident, causing the fatalities. One of the injured persons was shifted to Peshawar for medical treatment, while the other injured and the bodies of the deceased were transported to the headquarters hospital, Pindi Cheena.

The police are investigating the incident, while the bodies were later handed over to the heirs. — APP

A STUDENT makes at move at a match during a day-long chess championship in Alpuri, Shangla, on Thursday. — Photo by Umar Bacha

Officials delaying action on people's complaints to face accountability: CM

Says he'll monitor Citizen Portal

Bureau Report

PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Mohammad Sohail Afridi on Thursday said the officials delaying the resolution of people's complaints would face accountability as such a conduct was unacceptable.

"Ensuring prompt resolution of public complaints is the top priority of our government, so the Pakistan Citizen Portal is being strengthened to enforce institutional accountability in line with the 'Awam ka Ehsaas' vision," the chief minister said during a function here.

The event was held at the Chief Minister's House to launch the reform process to enhance the functionality of the Pakistan Citizen Portal, according to an official statement.

Mr Afridi announced that he would personally and directly monitor the portal in order to ensure timely resolution of public complaints.

He said that all citizens of the province, including overseas Pakistanis, should approach the portal without hesitation, assuring them that their complaints would be addressed promptly and effectively.

The chief minister stated that under the new reforms, special facilities were being introduced for residents of remote areas and for citizens faced issues in access to the internet, enabling them to lodge complaints manually.

He said for the purpose, 2,354 dashboards had been established across all districts of the province, providing citizens with facilities for complaint registration.

The chief minister emphasised that all relevant officials would be responsible for the timely resolution of complaints and clarified that if a complaint, that could be resolved within one or two days takes a week, would be considered negligence and those responsible would be held accountable.

He said that all applications developed under the E-governance framework would be integrated into the Pakistan Citizen Portal to ensure easy and uniform access to institutions for the public.

Mr Afridi said that online open courts had already been initiated from the chief minister secretariat. He said all other departments as well as divisional and district administrative authorities should ensure the conduct of online open courts.

He said that all complaints received during these open courts must be uploaded to the portal for effective monitoring.

The chief minister said he was moving forward in line with the vision of his leader and Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf founder, Imran Khan.

He said that Imran Khan, as the prime minister, had established a practical example of e-governance through the portal, and that their objective was to ensure visible performance of government institutions at every level.

"Effective service delivery is not possible without a genuine understanding of public hardships," he said.

Participants were briefed on the proposed reforms in the portal.

Officials said that in order to facilitate easier public access to institutions, all relevant applications were being integrated under the Pakistan Citizen Portal.

They said in order to enhance institutional outreach to the public, an effective system of online open courts would be established, while at the third level, a comprehensive and effective mechanism for automatic resolution of complaints would be put in place, the statement read.

The participants were also informed that over 0.7 million people were registered on the portal in the province and that the public satisfaction rate under the portal in the province was 54 per cent, the highest in the country.

Officials said through the ongoing reforms, further improvement in the overall performance of the portal and public satisfaction levels was expected, according to the statement.

First-ever chess competition held in Alpuri

By Our Correspondent

SHANGLA: With strong participation from both male and female players, the first-ever chess championship of the Malakand division was held at Alpuri Jirga Hall on Thursday, marking a significant step towards promoting mind sports in the region.

The one-day tournament attracted around 110 players from across Khyber Pakhtunkhwa including a notable number of female participants alongside players from Shangla district. Contestants demonstrated impressive strategic and analytical skills, making the championship highly competitive.

In the open category, Salman Ali Khan secured first position, followed by Jamal Nasir as runner-up. Amin Khan claimed third position, while Musawar Kakar and Farmanullah Khan finished fourth and fifth respectively. Shaheer Nawab was declared the best player of the tournament.

In the women's category, Shaista Bibi clinched the top position with Shabana securing second place. Nihal Hayat stood third, followed by Muniba fourth and Ruhma Khalid fifth.

The championship was organised under the supervision of the District Youth Office Shangla in collaboration with the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chess Association and The Gift of Chess.

The deputy commissioner, Shangla, Muhammad Fawad Khan, was chief guest on the occasion.

Speakers at the closing ceremony highlighted the role of chess in developing discipline, strategic thinking, patience and decision-making skills among youth and termed such events a healthy and constructive activity.

At the conclusion of the event, cash prizes, shields, chess sets and certificates were distributed among the position holders, while organisers expressed their commitment to holding similar tournaments in the future.

Displaced Tirah families face mismanagement at registration centres

By Ibrahim Shinwari

KHYBER: As fresh evacuation from the restive Tirah valley is in progress, displaced families have complained about mismanagement at the registration centres and frustrating wait at security checkpoints on the way to Bara.

Families told *Dawn* on arrival in Bara that they had an over 100km laborious journey with women, children and the elderly facing trouble the most.

They said that they were to wait for long hours at Bagh, Dwa Thoye and Paindi Cheena registration points in extreme cold weather in the open, without drinking water and food.

The families also complained that the ailing people didn't have the required medicines and other health services.

They said that long queues of vehicles bringing displaced families from Tirah to Bara, Jamrud and Peshawar could be seen both at registration centres and security checkposts, forcing people to impatiently wait for their turn for registration.

The newly-displaced people said it took them three to four hours to acquire tokens from the Bagh Markaz registration centre, while another four to five hours were consumed by security clearance at checkpoints.

They said a number of the displaced families who had tied their entire belongings in bags and loaded onto the vehicles, had to spend the night at Paindi Cheena in utter helplessness.

The people said Paindi Cheena was the last registration point where they reached at midnight for final biometric entry after undergoing the "torturous" registration and security clearance process, they wanted the residents to expedite their evacuation for an early full-scale military operation against terrorists in Tirah.

Sources said many families were finding it difficult to get vehicles due to their acute shortage, while most transporters had jacked up charges.

Shopkeepers at the Lar Bagh and Bar Bagh Markaz complained they struggled to shift merchandise to Bara for want of warehouses.

They said after sending their families to Bara, they had stayed back to make arrangements for proper and safe disposal of goods.

Sources in Tirah said the majority of newly-arrived IDPs had taken shelter with relatives, while some owned houses in different parts of Bara.

They said with no alternate residential facility from any department, some displaced families had rented houses and shops at the Qambarabad market near Bara Bazaar.

Meanwhile, the Bara Siyasi Ittehad and Bara Traders Association urged the district administration and PDMA to put up tent villages in Bara and Jamrud to handle the influx of Tirah families.

Sources said that 450-500 families were reaching Bara daily.

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